



*Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God by teaching His timeless Truth,
that all may grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.*

This Week at Salem

- Sun, 8/13** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:30 am Worship w/communion
- Mon, 8/14** 8 am Salem School "Meet the Teachers"
1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem
- Tues, 8/15** 10:15 am Bible Study
11:15 am Caring Committee Meeting
3 pm Salem School "Meet the Teachers"
6:30 pm Council Meeting
- Sat, 8/19** 11 am Young Adult Pool Party at Wurst's
5 pm Church and School Kickoff Service
5:30 pm Kickoff Picnic/BBQ/Potluck
- Sun, 8/20** 8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship
2 pm Salem Social Group Trolley Tour of Stillwater

Church Updates

Pastor Call

Pastor Aaron Bublitz, currently serving in Gilbert, Arizona, continues to deliberate a call to Salem. You are welcome to contact him by email at aabublitz@gmail.com or by phone at 414-739-1496. Please keep him in your prayers.

Church and School Kickoff - Service & Picnic/BBQ/Potluck

Next Saturday (August 19) Salem will hold a special worship service at 5pm to kick off the fall season and school year. Following the service, we'll hold a picnic to celebrate and welcome school families before the start of the new year as well. Salem's Fellowship committee will provide grilled brats, hot dogs, sweet corn, 1919 root beer floats, and bottled water. Members are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share. Everyone is invited for fellowship and good food!

Old Hymnals Available

Anyone who wishes to take one or more old hymnals home is welcome to take from the table in the church entry. Hymnals are a perfect tool for home devotions, prayers, and worship!

Serving & Sharing in Faith

Prayer Partners Needed

Are you looking for a simple way to make a huge difference in the life of a child? Prayer Partners matches students of our Salem school with an adult in our congregation. This match-up provides an opportunity to use letter-writing skills (remember having a pen pal?), exchange thoughts and stories, and encourage our children to pray for others. Students and prayer partners can form special, even life-long, relationships with each other and this program helps make connections between church members and school families. We are looking for Salem members to help us start this purposeful program with Kindergarten students this year. If you would like to know more, talk to Principal Ryan Klatt. Sign up at www.salemlutheran.org/prayerpartners.

Singers & Ringers!

Salem's handbell and vocal choirs invite you to join them in making music to the Lord during the new season starting September 6th. Practice for all three groups will be on Wednesday evenings, making it easier than ever to participate in multiple choirs. Regular choir will practice at 6:30pm. Men's choir and bells will both practice from 7:15 to 8pm.

Serve the Lord as a Salem Greeter

There are many opportunities to be a door greeter this summer. Summer brings out of town visitors & house hunters, looking to locate by a Christian school & a welcoming church. May your smile be the first one they see. Please, wear a name tag and be at the door 20 minutes before church starts.

Can you share Christ by bringing someone to church?

Some of our members would like to come to worship but are stopped only by a lack of transportation. If you would like to help give someone the gift of worship, please email Pastor Wolfe at rwolfe@salemlutheran.org. If you would like to be considered for receiving a ride to worship, email or talk to Pastor Wolfe as well.

Growing in Faith

Sunday Children's Ministry

Our church leaders are looking for members who are able and willing to help with Sunday JAM, our church's weekly children's ministry. Sunday JAM will meet 9:15-10:15 during the school year, bringing the good news of Jesus to children before or after they worship. Sunday JAM will hopefully be open to children ages 3 yrs to 8th grade, with older kids meeting separately for their own Bible study. Pastor Wolfe is currently looking for coordinators, teachers, and group assistants to help with stories, crafts, and snacks. Let us know if you can help us share Jesus with his little lambs. Email rwolfe@salemlutheran.org.

Salem Lending Library

Finding quality Christian literature, movies, and growth resources can be a challenge in our time of twisted truths and false priorities. Salem's lending library has been moved to the hallway between our restrooms to make it more accessible to members. Feel free to check out any book, movie, or resource - just sign it out so we know you have it. Thank you to Doris Baglo for her work in the library. If you have questions about the library, talk to her or Pastor Wolfe.

Catechism & Sunday School

While our church records have improved significantly, we don't yet have ages and grades for all the children in our church. If you have a child in preschool through 8th grade, would you let us know so that we can update our records and share an invitation to Sunday school? Youth in grades 6-8 and not in school at Salem are also eligible for evening catechism instruction with Pastor. Please email children's names and grades to rwolfe@salemlutheran.org. Thank you!

Family Growth Weekend at Camp Croix

This Labor Day Weekend (Sept 1-3) join us at Camp Croix for our 1st ever Family Growth Weekend. We will join in activities geared towards families with sports, crafts, devotions, campfire songs, s'mores, and more! No special reservation necessary, just reserve cabins or campsites for your family by visiting campcroix.org/family-camp. Can't wait to see you there!

15th Annual Men's Retreat

Registration for the men's retreat at Camp Croix is open! The retreat will take place September 22-24. This year's keynote speaker is Martin Luther College professor Paul Koelpin, speaking on the topic: *The Bible, and how it came to us*. Men ages 16 and up are invited to attend, with a discounted rate for high school and college students. Learn more about the retreat at www.mensretreat.org and register before August 15th for the best price. Space is limited so don't wait to register if you want to attend.

Women's Retreat at Camp Croix

Save the date for our Women's Retreat at Camp Croix October 6-8. More details to come soon!

St. Croix LWMS – Fall Rally

Rally Location: St. Croix Lutheran Academy, West St. Paul - 1200 Oakdale Ave - West St Paul MN, 55118

When: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Starting time: 1 – 2 pm (Registration) 2 pm (Rally Begins)

Snacks will be provided. Come and see the displays of some of the WELS Missions located locally.

Our guest speakers will be Pastor Tim and Jennifer Otto of St. John Lutheran St. Paul, MN. They will speak about their outreach to the Hispanic community in St Paul. Rebecca will give her perspective as a pastor's wife and speak on her work with New Day Pregnancy and Resource Center.

Uniting in Faith

Salem Social Group Outing

The Salem Social Group is planning a Trolley tour of Stillwater next Sunday (August 20th) at 2pm. We will board the trolley and hear a narrated tour of the history of Stillwater and travel past some of the historic homes and businesses. Afterward, Mabel's in Bayport for an ice cream treat! Cost is \$14 for adults, \$ 13 for seniors or military. The trolley stop is located at 400 East Nelson Street near the Dock Cafe. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in joining this outing. Contact Randee Loss if you have any questions. randee.loss@yahoo.com

Young Adults Event

Salem's young adults group (ages 18-30's) is holding a pool party at Mike Wurst's pool in Osceola on August 19th at 11am. We'll provide lunch for those that come. Please let Robyn Collins (715-781-1106) or Mike Wurst (715-417-0310) know if you plan to come so we can plan food and get you the address and any other information you will need.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,173.32 for Current Expenses and \$309.62 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

In our prayers this week

- For those suffering from fires and loss in Hawaii
- For every member and friend looking for help and healing.
- For members to hear the call to serve our children in Sunday school.